Approved For Release 2001/03/30 SEAREF78-04727A000200270006-6 MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD 25X1A SUBJECT: Project 25X1A 1. Generated by an oral proposal from Mr. that (prospectus attached) be transferred from CI Project Staff to the Office of Training, a meeting to discuss the proposition's feasibility was held in the office of the DD/S on 1 March. Attending 25X1A were Messrs. Bannerman, Coffey, Richardson, Background 2. patron, will be retiring 30 April and has proposed three alternatives to the DD/P in reference to the project's future in view of a deterior-25X1A ating situation in FY 1968 due to appropriation reduction and because of considerably less business than previously estimated in support of Agency activities. The alternatives are: (1) Retain the Project in its present status at minimum cost and staffing; (2) Transfer the Project to OTR with the possibility there would be more utilization for purposes; or, (3) Close out the Project because it apparently is not providing sufficient support to the Clandestine Services. The DD/P returned the memorandum to C/CI Staff asking him to discuss a possible transfer with OTR. Discussion

3. Mr. Richardson stated that members of his staff -- in their conversations with the Project's financial adviser, Mr. and after an inspection of Project files -- determined that, despite hopes and efforts of CI Staff to make the Project more useful and valuable to the CS and despite a Book Dispatch from the DD/P to all field stations in late 1966 encouraging use of the Project as a potential agent asset, these plantings have not borne fruit. Moreover, with an admitted deterioration thus far in FY 1968, no one can predict how much furthe will be reduced, how much more or how much greater Agency funding would have to be increased in the future.

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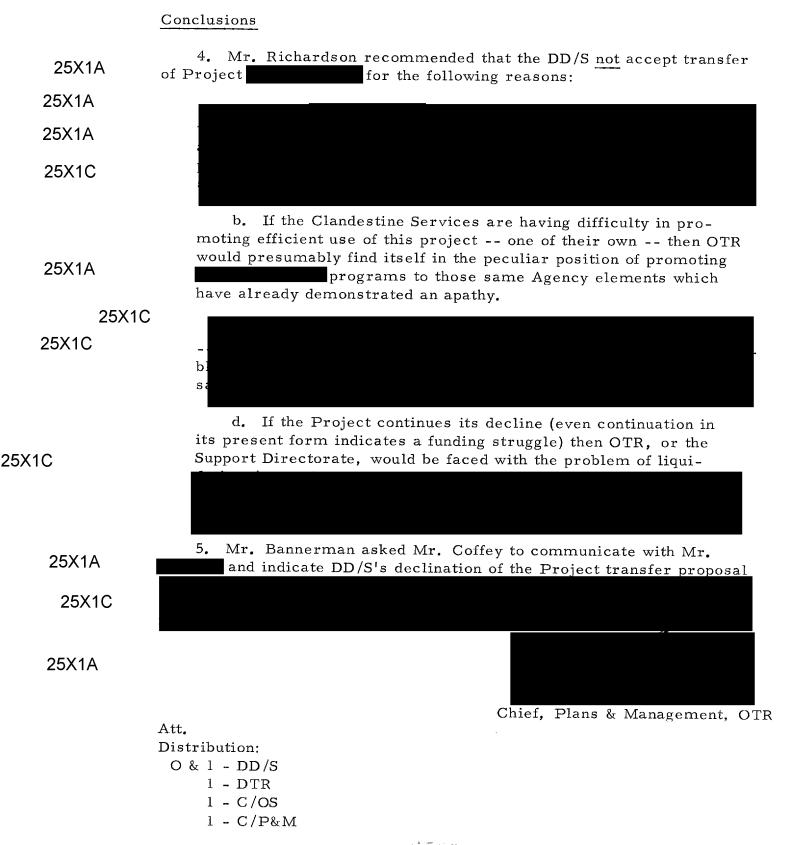
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